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involves a breach of privilege and if so, it should be referred to the Committee of Privileges. The persons who constituted the Committee in Australia might be eminent men but we are not at all bound by their decision, whether it is Mr. Curtin or it is Mr. Menzies. There are enough brains and enough talent in this House to understand the issue and find out whether our privilege has been affected or not. We need not act on the basis of an Australian decision. I say there is a *prima facie* case. Whether there is a *prima facie* case or not is a matter to be fully gone into and it has to be decided only by this House. The point has to be thoroughly thrashed out here and we should not at all accept what an outside body says."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let me now give my ruling. There is no *prima facie* case for referring the issue to the Committee of Privileges."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, we would like to move that the matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges and let the House consider that motion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member give notice."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" I will give notice and bring in a motion."

IV.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* LOW MINIMUM WAGES PAID FOR BEEDI AND CIGAR WORKERS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Several hon. Members have given notice of adjournment motions and this is not the time for taking them up. Mr. K. P. Gopalan has given notice of an adjournment motion which reads :

'This Assembly stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, viz., the recent draft notification of the Government fixing very low minimum wages for the beedi and cigar workers in this State, numbering more than 3½ lakhs, and thus giving a handle to the employers to reduce the existing wages and create labour unrest in the State thus causing anxiety among the lakhs of tobacco workers, their families and also to the general public of the State.'

I suggest to him and others that they take advantage of the new provision in the Rules, viz., one-hour debate, instead of moving adjournment motions like this.

" I now adjourn the House to meet again at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 16th December 1954."

The House then adjourned.